DTC Bus Routes

1242. SHRI DINKARRAO GOVINDRAO PATIL:

SHRI M. KADHARSHA:

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state what is the fare-table, stage-wise, number of buses plying, their frequency and the time of the first and the last trip of route Numbers: 412, 416, 419, 423, 424, 426, 427, 436, 500, 501, 509, 513, 521, 522, 525, 526, 527, 544, 548, 580, 680, 714, 717, 974, and F-3?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): A statement is annexed. [*See* Appendix CXLIII, Annexure No. 56].

Karur- Dindugal railway line

1243. SHRI K. GOPALAN:

SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total amount of funds allocated for Karur-Dindugal railway line this year;

(b) what is the amount of out of it which has been spent so far;

(c) what is the amount of the total work on this line which has been completed so far; and

(d) by when the line is expected to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) For Karur-Dindigul-Tuticorin B. G. line project, the total allotment in 1987-88 is Rs. 5.33 crores.

(b) Rs. 1. 30 crores.

(c) Progress on the Karur-Dindigul Section is 76 per cent.

(d) Firm target for its completion will depend on availability of resources in the coming years.

Ernakulam Junction Railway Booking Office

1244. SHRI K. GOPALAN:

SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a Member of Parliament has recently made complaints regarding the functioning of the Ernakulam Junction Railway Booking Office, if so, what are the details thereof;

(b) what is the number and names of new trains introduced in Kerala during the last three years with the dates of their introduction;

(c) what is the number of new reservations counters introduced at Ernakulam Booking Office during the last three years, yearwise additions;

(d) what is the number of new staff and officials appointed at Ernakulam Booking Office during the last three years to ease work load; yearwise details; and

(e) what steps are going to be taken to smoothen the Railway Reservation System at Ernakulam Junction Booking Office?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir. A complaint was received regarding inadequacy of reservation counters and excessive waiting time.

(b) A Statement is attached (*See* below).

(c) As against 8 (eight) counters during the years 1985 and 1986. 7 (seven) counters are functioning at Ernakulam at present. However, hours of work of each counter have been increased from seven to twelve hours per day during 1987.